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CLUB PICNIC!!

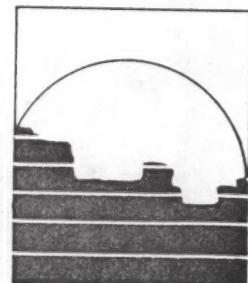
The next meeting will be the CLUB PICNIC. It will be a POT LUCK dinner. You will need to bring your own meat for bargequing (grills will be supplied), a dish for other members to share with a serving utensil, and your own dishes

Where: FAIRMONT PARK
MAIN GROVE PAVILLION
2250 South 900 East
Time: 7:00 PM
Date: THURSDAY, August 20th
It will be a great time, we hope to see you there!!
If you have any questions, please

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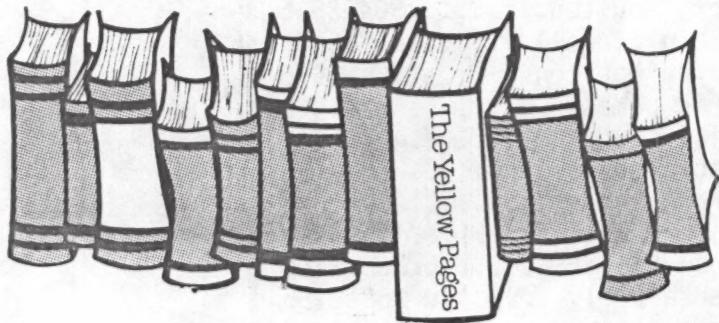
I have been mystified as to why saloon tokens are so highly valued by collectors. I first heard that they are rare - that is you were to find a hoard of 100 different tokens, only one of the hundred would be a saloon token. I was impressed. Take a second look. If you count up the number of different saloon tokens known and compare that against the number of different co-op or dairy tokens known, you will find that saloon tokens are really not that rare.

I have also heard that saloon tokens are a piece of the old west - that cowboys used them and maybe even Butch Cassidy.

Unfortunately very few trade tokens date back to the days of "cowboys and indians". Most saloon tokens date back to the early 1900's. If you wanted tokens from the time of the old west, then why not collect tokens for that time period. I have not seen a Utah collector yet that specializes in just territorial tokens.

The idea of collecting saloon tokens and paying a good price for them is not unique to Utah collectors. But I have yet to hear of a good justification for paying the extra dollars that they seem to bring.

-John Sroka



GLEN'S CORNER

KIMBERLY OUTING

By Glen Sidwell

Once again we had a good turnout for our Kimberly dig. Everyone had a good time and quite a few different relics were found including Indian head pennies by Bill and Sue Turpela, several bottles were found by Ross Seely in an old outhouse. I found several old poker cards and a premium advertisement for Madja Coffee in the walls of a collapsed cabin.

Speaking of cabins, a few members ventured to the cabin I mentioned in my last article and got a good look at what a miners lodgings looked like years ago. Although evidence points to the fact that the cabin was used up to the 1950's you can still get a good idea of what hardships miners faced being alone and away from their families.

The second night of the dig was spent at Alunite and a good time was had by all. John Nutting and friend Joe from Las Vegas, the Turpelas, Ross Seely and myself all found pennies. No great token or coin finds were made this trip, unfortunately.

I hope everyone makes a point to attend the Russ Valley dig and our summer club picnic. Rush Valley as you know has produced a lot of great finds for the members of our club. Towns like Jacob City, Slagtown, Stockton, Gisbourne, Ophir, Manning, Topliff and my favorite West Dip have all produced an abundance of relics, coins, and tokens for personal collections.

Last May a Mercur token was picked up in West Dip and later traded for a \$500 gold piece. And you already know that I have picked up 7 or 8 tokens off the top of the ground in West Dip. You don't even need a metal detector in Rush Valley. Just walk around the old townsites and you're bound to find something.

I hope all members can make this years club picnic on the 20th. This will be a good time to get to know any new members of our club and any of the latest club news. Do yourself a favor and get away from your work and all the other rotten things in this world and spend some time with people who share the same interest as you, - like they did in the good old days!!!

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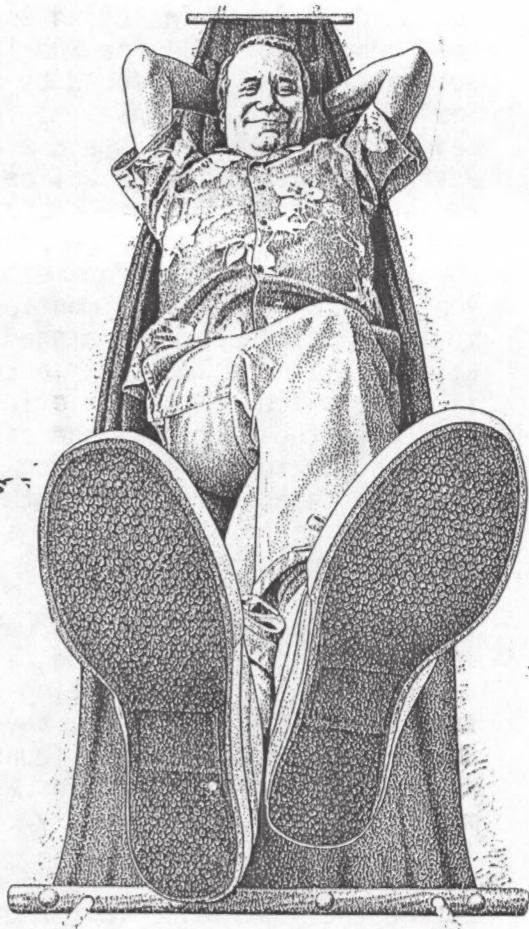
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